

HOUSE BILL 2901

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36;
Title 39 and Title 40, relative to violation of orders
of protection.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-610(b)(1), is amended by
deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(b)

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(A) In addition to the authorized punishments for contempt of court, the judge shall assess any person who violates an order of protection or a court-approved consent agreement a civil penalty of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). The judge may further order that any support payment made pursuant to an order of protection or a court-approved consent agreement be made under an income assignment to the clerk of court.

(B) Where any person violates an order of protection or a court-approved consent agreement for a second or subsequent time, the judge shall assess a civil penalty in an amount not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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